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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, dated 02/26/2003, in the above-identified application. Claims 30-40 are pending in the application. Claims 31, 31(32)-31(35), and 36-40 are withdrawn from consideration.

The Office Action rejected the remaining claims 30, 30(32), 30(33), 30(34), and 30(35). A three-month shortened statutory period was set for reply.

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Petition for 3-Month Extension Under Rule 136(a)

Applicants hereby request a 3-month extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), to extend the deadline for response to August 26, 2003. Please charge the required fee provided in 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(3) to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 13-3723. A duplicate copy of this paper is submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Drawings

Please add new FIGS. 2A-2B and 3A-3B, as shown on the replacement drawing sheets enclosed herewith. (For completeness, all drawing sheets are submitted herewith, including original FIG. 1 with no changes.) The new figures, which are not necessarily to scale, find support at least in the Summary of the Invention section beginning on page 2 of the specification. Reference is also made to the two consecutive paragraphs beginning on page 3 line 18 of the specification, which paragraphs are being amended herein to insert references to the new figures. It is respectfully submitted that the new figures add no new matter to the application.